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## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

### 1 – Academic

#### **Positions held**

2018 (Monsoon term, Oct-Dec) – Distinguished Research Fellow, JNias (Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study), JNU, New Delhi.

2017 (Spring term, Jan-May) – Distinguished Research Fellow, JNias (Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study), JNU, New Delhi.

2014-2022 – Emeritus Professor of Comparative Literature, Université Bordeaux Montaigne, member of TELEMI Research Team, Graduate School.

1997-2014 – Professor of Comparative Literature, Université Bordeaux Montaigne (Bordeaux 3).

2004-2008 – On a French Academic Cooperation mission: Professor of French (and Comparative) Literature, University of Sfax (Tunisia), also Visiting Professor of Comparative Literature, Graduate Studies, Tunis El Manar University, 2004-2005, and University of Sousse, 2004-2007.

2003 Fall term – Visiting Professor of Literary Theory, Semiotics and Aesthetics, Graduate School, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina.

1981-1997 – Maître de Conférences (Associate Professor) of Comparative Literature, Université de Pau (France).

1990 - Fall term – Visiting Professor of Comparative Literature, Université de Montréal.

1989 Spring term - 1990 Spring term, inclusive – Professor of French and Comparative Literature, San Diego State University (SDSU).

1988 Fall term – Visiting Professor of Comparative Literature, University of Oregon, Eugene.

1988 Spring term – Distinguished Visiting Professor of Comparative Literature, New York University.

1987 Fall term – Visiting Professor of Semiotics and Literary Theory, Universitat de Valencia, Spain.

1987 Spring term – Visiting Professor of French and Comparative Literature, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

1986 Spring term – Distinguished Visiting Professor of French and Literary Theory, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

1977-1981 – Lecturer, then Senior Lecturer (Assistant Professor then Associate Professor) and Head of Department in Comparative Literature and Literary Theory, Murdoch University, Perth (WA), Australia.

1979 Spring term – Visiting Professor of Literary Theory, Spanish Department, Universidad de Barcelona, Tarragona campus.

1973-1976 – Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in French, University of Sydney (NSW), Australia.

1971 Fall term – 1972 Fall term, inclusive – Chargé d'enseignement (Lecturer) in Translation Studies, Université de l'État à Mons, Belgium.

## **Short term visiting positions and research fellowships**

2016 (November) Visiting Professor, Departament de Teoria dels Llenguages, Facultat de Filologia, Comunicació I Traducció, U. de Valencia, Spain.

2004 (July) – Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Jadavpur University, Calcutta (West Bengal), India, Comparative Literature Department.

2004 (July-September) – Visiting Senior Research Fellow, JNU (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi), Centre for French Studies.

2003 (July-September) – Visiting Senior Research Fellow, JNU (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi), Centre for English Language and Literature.

1996 (March) – Visiting Professor, The University of Capetown, French and English Departments.

## **2 – Non-academic employment**

1970-1977 – Literary translator under contract with Éditions du Seuil, Paris.

1968-1970 – Head of Editing and Coordination Office, Encyclopaedia Universalis France, Paris.

1967-1968 – Lexicographer at Club Français du Livre, Paris.

## **3 – Freelance professional activities**

2016 to present – Editing/rewriting of academic research papers in English.

1965 to present - Literary translator (Fiction, Poetry, Humanities, Political Essays) for various publishers (Paris): see Publications (Translations).

1983–1997 – Founding Chairperson of Noesis International Cultural Foundation, Calaceite, Spain. Director of Publications. Director of Art Exhibitions (1984-1997) and Art Gallery Director, Barcelona (1994-1997).

1970-1972 – Sub-Editor for Encyclopaedia Universalis France, Paris.

1965–1968 – Sub-Editor and Assessor at Éditions de Minuit and Le Seuil publishers, Paris.

## **EDUCATION AND DEGREES**

1992 – HDR - Habilitation à diriger des Recherches (DLit-Higher Doctorate) in Comparative Literature (specialization in Narrative Theory), Université de Lille 3 (France). Panel: Prof. Jean Bessière, U. Paris 3-Sorbonne Nouvelle, Honorary President of ICLA/AILC; Prof. Jean-Pierre Guillerm, U. Lille 3, Comparative Literature; Prof. Alain Buisine, U. Lille 3, French Literature; Prof. Régis Durand, U. Lille 3, American Literature; Prof. Jenaro Talens, U. de Valencia, Theory of Languages.

1985 – Doctorat (PhD) in Spanish Studies, Université de Provence (Aix-Marseille), France. Panel: Prof. Edmond Cros, U. of Montpellier; Prof. Jacques Leenhardt, EHESS; Prof. Guy Mercadier, U. of Provence; Prof. Benito Pelegrín, U. of Provence.

1978 – PhD in Arts (French Studies/Aesthetics), University of Sydney (Australia), recognized as Higher Doctorate in France (1980).

Panel: Prof. Mikel Dufrenne, U. Paris 10 Nanterre, Chair of French Aesthetics Society and Director, *Revue d'Esthétique*; Prof. Ross Chambers, U. of Michigan; Prof. Michel Butor, University of Geneva; Prof. Robert Sherrington, University of Sydney.

1968 – Maîtrise en Droit Public (LLM in Law and Government), Bordeaux. 1961-62  
– French Baccalauréat in Humanities and Languages.

## LANGUAGES

French (native)

English (native level)

Spanish (native level)

Catalan (good passive skills)

Italian (good passive skills)

Portuguese (fair passive skills)

Latin (studied 7 years at advanced level, fair remains)

German and Romanian (notions)

## TEACHING

### 1 – Main courses taught<sup>1</sup> and developed, pedagogy

**2016** (U. de Valencia) Lecture course “Literatura e interculturalidad glocal”, for Master 2 in “Interculturalidad, Comunicación y Estudios Europeos”.

**2008-2014** (U. Bordeaux Montaigne)

Graduate courses in Translation Theory (“L'inconvertible”), Literary Theory (“Self- reflexivity, Forgery and Parody”), Cultural History and Aesthetics (“20<sup>th</sup> Century Realisms”).

Undergraduate courses:

1 – Multimedia lecture course in World Cultural History “Histoires de voix” (History of Voice/Voice Stories).

2 – Comparative Poetics of Formal Poetry and its Translations.3 – Literary Territories (Proust-Thoreau-Whitman-Kerouac)

4 – The Urban Novel and its Films (Barcelona: Mercé Rodoreda, Eduardo Mendoza, Ruiz Zafón, André Pieyre de Mandiargues)

5 – “Writing History/Historiography,” Modern History Department.

**2004-2008** (U. de Sfax, U. de Sousse, U. Tunis-El Manar)

Graduate courses in Comparative Literature:

1 – Initiation to Comparative Literature (Fictions of the Fort: Ernst Jünger, Kafka, Buzzati, Gracq, Coetzee, Anand)

2 – The 17<sup>th</sup> Century Baroque, variable corpus: D’Urfé, Racine, Mairet, Fénelon, Shakespeare, Cervantes)

3 – Introduction to Postcolonial Literature (Premchand, Ousmane Sembène)4 – Methodology of Literary Research

Undergraduate courses in French Literature and Literary Theory

1 – Medieval French Literature

2 – The Essay (Lecture course)3 – Intertextuality

**2003** (UNC Córdoba, Argentina)

PhD lecture course for the Literature and Fine Arts Graduate Schools (joint appointment): “Representation in Literature and the Arts”

**1997-2004** (U. Bordeaux Montaigne)

Graduate courses in Literary Theory (“Literariness,” “Genericity and Genres, “Long Forms”), Literary Ästhetics and Ideology (“20<sup>th</sup> Century Realisms –v.1”) and Criticism (Sociocriticism, Psychoanalytic Approaches), Theory of Translation (“Error and Interpretation”), Theory of the Text, etc.

Undergraduate courses:

- Lecture course on Representation (printed for External Studies)
  - Lecture and Seminar course on 20<sup>th</sup> Century Realisms (Le Clézio, Celá, Capote, Carver...) (printed for External Studies)
  - – Introduction to World and Postcolonial Literature
  - – Intertextuality
  - – Historical Fiction
  - – India in Literature and Film
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**1986-1990** (4.5 years) – (Various universities in the USA, Spain, Canada)

Graduate courses in 1) Narrative Theory, 2) General Semiotics, 3) Poetics of Poetry, University course in Literature and the Arts (NYU)

**1981-1985, 1986** and **1991-1997** (11.5 years) – (U. of Pau, France)

Undergraduate, graduate and diploma courses in Narrative Theory, Poetics of Poetry, 19<sup>th</sup> Century Realism, The Poetics of the City, The Poetics of Dissidence, Language Learning and Translation, etc.

**1979** – Universitat de Barcelona & Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona Graduate seminar and Graduate Lecture Course in “The Theory of the Novel”

**1977-1978, 1980-1981** (3.5 years) – (Murdoch U., Perth, WA, Australia)

Undergraduate and graduate courses, special seminars

1 – Literary and Narrative Theory

2 – Literature and Psychoanalysis (University course, 1rst course ever in Freudian psychoanalysis in WA)

2 – Popular Literature (printed for External Studies)3 – The Classical Novel

4 – The Modern Novel (printed for External Studies)5 – Literary Translation special seminars

6 – Creative Writing special seminars

MA special program for Teachers of English developed (with R.A.V. Hodge and JohnFrow).

Coordinator of Foreign Languages

**1973-1976** (4 years) – (The U. of Sydney)

Graduate courses in Metaliterature, French Aesthetics

Undergraduate courses in French 19<sup>th</sup> Century Literature, Advanced Literary Translation. Co-creation, co-coordination and co-teaching of the first BA Honours stream and the first courses in Francophone Literatures and Cultures in Australia (1975 and 1976).

Creation and teaching of the first course in non-standard French (“Le Français Multiple”)

**1971-1972** (1.5 years) – (EII [Faculty of Translation], Université de l’État à Mons, Belgium)

Advanced Literary Translation (Theory and Practice), English>French, Spanish>French, English<>Spanish (experimental)

## 2 – Graduate and special advising

### Higher Doctorates (HDR)

Prof. Noureddine Lamouchi †, former Dean of the Faculty of Languages, U. of Gabès, co-advising on Sartre and Literary Theory (2006-2008).

Prof. Lassaad Jamoussi (presently U. of Tunis-El Manar), on the pictoriality of literature (Beckett, Western and Eastern Abstract Art), awarded Bordeaux 2008 and Sousse 2009, thesis and complementary thesis published.

### PhD theses advising

#### Awarded PhDs

- 2013 Dr Nathalie Zoghaib, “The Lebanese Folk-Tale”, co-advising. Distinction.
- 2008 Dr Jeeveeta Soobarah, “The Construction of the Female Subject in *The God of Small Things, Mitro Marjani and Pagli.*” Highest Distinction. Finalist University medal.
- 2006 Dr Justine Soumestre, “Textual Variations of a Literary Work and Filmic Rewriting”. Distinction.
- 2005 Dr Jaime Barón, “The Tmesis of the Poetic Subject in the Avant-Gardes: Huidobro, Apollinaire, Cendrars...” Highest Distinction. Published 2014, Peter Lang Verlag.
- 1990 Prof. R.A. Judy, “(Dis)forming the American Canon: African Arabic Slave Narrative and The Vernacular.” Adjunct advising. Published 1993, U. of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis.

#### Some graduate students advised who hold or have held tenured/tenurable academic positions:

- Dr Maya Boutaghous, Associate Professor, U. of Virginia, Charlottesville.
- Prof Patrick Fuery, English, Chapman University, Orange CA.
- Prof. R.A. Judy, Professor of Critical and Cultural Studies, Department of English, University of Pittsburgh.
- Prof. Anthony Pym, English and Translation Studies, Universitat Rovira I Virgili, Tarragona, Spain, and U. of Melbourne, Australia.
- Prof. Susan Ryan †, Professor of English, Université de La Rochelle, France.
- Prof. Meaghan Morris, Professor of Gender and Cultural Studies, The University of Sydney. Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

I was appointed as an external or internal examiner and sat on a fair number of PhD panels in France (Bordeaux 3, UBP, Toulouse 2), the USA (U of Minnesota, Minneapolis), India (IITB, Bombay, KIIT, Bhubaneswar), South Africa (The South African University, Bloemfontein).

### **Honours, MA and MPhil theses advising**

From 1973 to 2014 I advised well over 100 research students on their first or second research thesis (MA, MPhil) in Comparative Literature, French, English and Spanish Literature, Translation Studies, Aesthetics, Semiotics and Film Studies.

I acted as the sole adviser for six Graduate theses in Literary Translation (commented translations of whole literary works from French into English and English into French, English into French, and Italian into English: works by Jean Ricardou, Pierre Silvain, Pierre Mertens, Albertine Sarrazin, Ivy Compton Burnett, Leonardo Sciascia).

I also acted as sole adviser of several creative writing projects in English (credited for degree).

## **RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS**

### **1 – Books published**

2022 – *A Cosmopolitan Approach to Literature: Against Origins and Destinations*. London & New York: Routledge. 350 p.

2021 – *Migrating Minds: Theories and Practices of Cultural Cosmopolitanism*. Co-edited with Christina Kkona and Nicoletta Pireddu. London & New York: Routledge. 320 p.

1999 – *Textos de Penélope, diálogos con Didier Coste* (with Bernardo Schiavetta), 97p. Córdoba (Argentina): Alción Editora, 1999.

1989 – *Narrative as Communication*, xix +370p., foreword by W. Godzich. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, "Theory and History of Literature", #64

[Choice book of the year in Literary Theory 1990; many reviews and review essays (Gerald Prince in *Semiotica*, Mieke Bal, Ruth Ronen, etc.); Prof. José Ángel García Landa writes : “[...] degrees of narrativeness are perhaps best classified by Didier Coste's mapping of different traits which may be present in a greater or lesser degree (in Narrative as Communication)”. García Landa, José Ángel, Emergent Narrativity(2008). Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1099358>]

1984 – *Le Récit amoureux* (with Michel Zéraffa), ed., 318p. Sessey (France) : Editions Champ Vallon.

### **1b – Edited special issues of academic journal**

*Eu-topías*, a quadrilingual journal jointly published by the Universities of Valencia and Geneva, # 13 May 2017 and # 14, Nov 2017: guest editorship, with an introduction, of a collection of 11 essays on “Cosmopolitanism and Cross-cultural Negotiation”.

### **2 – Books in progress 2023-2025**

— *Conversations with Hanuman: Essays in Modern Indian Literature*, approx. 300 pages. To be submitted in the summer of 2023. ± 350 p.

— *Traduction, plurilinguisme, convertibilité. Essais de traductologie théorique*, [±200 p., 7 essays, text to be

revised/translated but almost completed] > 2024.

— *La Démarche réaliste* [on the aesthetics and ideology of 20th century literary realisms in World Literature] [appr. 300 pages, over half of which already exist in various stages of elaboration, including the printed external course « Imaginer le réel », U. Bordeaux Montaigne.] > 2025.

### 3 — Dissertations

1985. *Conformité et narrativité: travail de reproduction idéologique et discours du changement à travers quelques romans de Rafael Pérez y Pérez*, Université de Provence, 1985, 609 p. A.R.T., Lille, 1987.

1978 - *Vol d'une flamme à l'extrême: essai sur la littérature française 'Art Nouveau'* [an essay in Aesthetics]. Sydney, 630 p. (University of Sydney Fisher Library).

### 4 – Articles and chapters

fc. 2023

— “Arundhati Roy’s Rhetoric of Embodiment,” in *Arundhati Roy’s Non-Fiction*, edited by Tapan Kumar Ghosh.

2022

— “Jhumpa Lahiri’s Heteroglossia in Cosmopolitan Perspective” in Debashish Lahiri, ed. *21st Century Perspectives on Indian Writing in English*, Cambridge Scholars.

“When Less is More: Towards a Theory of No Fixed Address.” *Metacritic* 8.1. 2022 <https://www.metacriticjournal.com/article/222/when-less-is-more-towards-a-theory-without-a-fixed-address>

— “Narrative Theory” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Literary Theory*, John Frow, ed. <https://oxfordre.com/literature/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190201098.001.0001/acrefore-9780190201098-e-116>

2021

— “A Mixed Lot on the Margins: Mimetic Desire and Native Impersonations” in *Migrating Minds: Theories and Practices of Cultural Cosmopolitanism*. Co-edited with Christina Kkona and Nicoletta Pireddu. London & New York: Routledge. 93-104.

— “Ambiguous Mobilities: Nomadism, Interpretation and Action,” and “Afterword: Nomadic theory, again?” In *Posthuman Nomadisms across non-Oedipal Spatiality* edited by Indrani Mukherjee and Java Singh, Vernon Press. <https://vernonpress.com/book/1155>

— “Versification and Prosification as Translation” in the selected proceedings of the 21<sup>st</sup> World Congress of the International Comparative Literature Association, Prof. Achim Hoelter, Prof. Nobert Bachleitner et al. eds. Vol. 2. 109-123. De Gruyter. <https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/9783110641998-010/html>

2020

— “Si par un jour d’été un spectateur...” In *Écrire pour inventer À partir des travaux de Jean Ricardou*. Edited by Mireille Calle-Gruber, Marc Avelot, Gilles Trochet. Paris: Hermann, 2020. 301-309.

— “El poema en lengua babélica de Bernardo Schiavetta,” *Cuadernos LIRICO*, n°21, 2020. Web.

— “Alfonsina avant et après la mer : traduire Mascarilla y trébol en 2018”, in *Scènes de la traduction France-Argentine*, Gersende Camenen & Roland Béhar ed. Éditions Rue d’Ulm. <https://books-openedition-org.ezproxy.u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr/editionsulm/6237>

— “Refuge, fuite : consciences divisées (selon Koestler, Gangopadhyay et Mertens)”, in Simon Harel et al., ed. *Figures du réfugié*. Presses de l’Université Laval.

— “Love and the City” in Debotri Dhar, ed. *Love is not a Word: The Culture and Politics of Desire*. Speaking Tiger. Print and web, 148-161. - Reviews: <https://www.telephindia.com/culture/books/love-is-not-a-word-the-culture-and-politics-of-desire-edited-by-debotri-dhar/cid/1795422> : “Didier Coste’s overview of city literature across cultures and continents, from Baudelaire to himself, offers an erudite and informative lecture in comparative literature.”

<https://indiacurrents.com/love-is-not-a-word-a-many-splendored-thing/>

- "Conversion is the limit, or, the receding horizon of equivalence" in Merete Birkelund, Seb Doubinsky and Christina Kkona, eds. *Equivalence(s): Studies in Translation*. Aarhus UP.

### 2019

- "Life as Anecdote and as Digression (Or maybe is it literature?)," contribution to a special issue of *Romanic Review*, vol. 108, n°1-4 2017, ed. by David Caron in homage to the late Ross Chambers. p. 97-100.
- "Alter-Orients : de l'Extrême Orient de Tagore à l'Égypte d'Amitav Ghosh" in *Repenser la relation asiatique*, Jean-Pierre Dubost and Axel Gasquet, eds. Paris: Kimé. p. 115-129.

### 2018

- "Mesures d'une abstraite discrétion" in G. Colaizzi, M. de la Fuente, S. Renard, S. Zunzunegui, eds. *De la escritura como resistencia. Textos in honorem Jenaro Talens*. Valencia: Universitat de Valencia. p. 55-65.
- "Experimental Cosmopolitanism", in Nicoletta Pireddu, ed. *Reframing Critical, Literary and Cultural Theories: Thought on the Edge*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. p. 327-352.
- "Crise de/du sens et crise de/du vers", in *La Crise du sens*, HédiaAbdelkéfi and Hichem Ismaïl, eds. Tunis : Centre de Publication universitaire. p. 59-68.
- "Pour une lecture métèque : approche comparatiste des littératures en langue française et apparentées". RSH (Revue des Sciences Humaines) n°330 avril 2018, "Quand la littérature faitsavoir. Littératures et cultures francophones : points de repère," Jean-Marc Moura and Adelaide Russo eds, p. 21-30.

<http://www.septentrion.com/fr/livre/?GCOI=27574100238380>

- "Nouvelles aventures de Néos, archê et chaos" in *Nouveaux mondes, nouveaux romans*," Actes du XXXe Congrès de la SFLGC: 20-27.

<http://sflgc.org/acte/didier-coste-nouvelles-aventures-de-neos-arche-et-chaos/>

[http://sflgc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2coste\\_nmnr.pdf](http://sflgc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2coste_nmnr.pdf)

- "Restes, restes et restes, ou La négativité productive du traduire" ("Remains, Rests and Left-overs, or The Negative Productivity of Translation") *1616: Anuario de Literatura Comparada*, n°7 2017 (2018), p. 219-241.

### 2017

- "Narrative Theory and Aesthetics in Literature" OREL (Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Literature) (65 p. [42 online pages]) Online Publication Date: June 2017. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190201098.013.116

<http://literature.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190201098.001.0001/acrefore-9780190201098-e-116>

- "De l'impuissance symbolique ; tentative de désenchantement" UQAM, Montréal.

\*Video recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zI9BYga313U>

- "Ars poetica (in vitro): reflexions sur le réarmement du poème". *Tangence*, n° 113, May 2017. *Miroirs de la poésie. Regards sur l'art poétique aux XXe et XXIe siècles*. Université du Québec à Rimouski, p. 101-114.

- "Cosmopolitanism, Cross-cultural Negotiation and the Comparatist Mind", *Eu-topías*, n° 14, December 2017, p. 123-133.

<http://eu-topias.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/EU-topias-vol.-14-2017.6.pdf>

- "Cosmopolitismo y negociación transcultural: una problemática removable," *Eu-topías*, n°13, July 2017, p. 85-88.

<http://eu-topias.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/EU-topias-vol.-13-2017.85-88.pdf>

- "Le Familiar et son double" in *L'Acte littéraire à l'ère de la Post-histoire*, Pierre Ouellet and Philippe Daros eds. Québec. Presses de l'Université Laval "Intercultures". p. 53-66. \*Video recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1KmX-lGC8A>

- "Indian Literature as Comparative Literature" in Anne Tomiche, ed. *Le Comparatisme comme approche critique* vol.5, p. 345-360. (Selected proceedings of the ICLA Congress, Paris 2013). Paris: Éditions Classiques Garnier.

<https://classiques-garnier.com/le-comparatisme-comme-approche-critique-comparativeliterature-as-a-critical-approach-tome-5-local-et-mondial-circulations-local-and-globalcirculations-indian-literature-as-comparative-literature.html>

### 2016

— “Du mensonge traductif,” *Atelier de Traduction*, 2015-2, n°24. Suceava, Romania, p. 45-60. Print and web.

[http://www.usv.ro/fisiere\\_utilizator/file/atelierdetraduction/arhive/2016/Atelier%2024%20final.pdf](http://www.usv.ro/fisiere_utilizator/file/atelierdetraduction/arhive/2016/Atelier%2024%20final.pdf)

— “Propos sur le contre-dire des formes poétiques,” *Formules* n° 20, “Ce que les formes veulent dire / What Forms Mean,” Chris Andrews dir. p. 231-252.

[http://www.punouveaumonde.com/formules\\_20.htm](http://www.punouveaumonde.com/formules_20.htm)

### 2015

— “Power Failure in Paris: Detheorization of the Centre”. In “The Circulation of Theoretical Ideas in *Contemporary Literary Culture*,” Oana Dobalaru, ed. *Dacoromania Litteraria*, II, 2015, p. 11-27.

— “De l’ambiguïté allochtonique: Casanova et Aurobindo”. In *Utopie et catastrophe*, Jean-Paul Engélis & Raphaëlle Guidée eds. Poitiers: La Licorne, p. 95-108.

2014. “Les Noces de Casanova” *Le mariage et la loi dans la fiction narrative avant 1800*, Françoise Lavocat, ed., Louvain: Peeters, p. 465-477.

2011 “Émergence, innovation, résistante étrangeté », in *L’Émergence*, Juliette Vion-Dury et al., eds.\_Bern: Peter Lang, 2011, p. 33-39.

### 2009

— “Gourou vs. Dominus”, in *Les Funambules de l'affection*, Valérie Déshoulières & Muguras Constantinescu eds. Clermont-Ferrand: Presses de l'UBP, p. 23-35.

— “La Vache à savoir ou manières et usages romanesques du déjà su” in *Devant le fiction, dans le monde*, Catherine Grall & Marielle Macé, eds. *La Licorne* 88, Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2009, p. 85-97.

— “L'affranchie par amour ou le corps émergent du roman moderne” *Le Corps romanesque: Images et usages topiques sous l'Ancien Régime*, Monique Moser-Verrey, Lucie Desjardins et Chantal Iturbide, eds. Québec: Presses de l'Université Laval “La République des Lettres”, 2009, p.619-629.

— “Narrative Levels” (with John Pier) in *Handbook of Narratology*, Peter Huhn, John Pier & Wolf Schmid, eds. Berlin/New York: Walter de Gruyter, p. 295-308.

— “Formalisme des ombres” [on Ashish Avikuntak’s film *Shadows Formless*], *Rencontres avec l’Inde*, New Delhi, vol. 38, n°1, 2009, p. 159-169,

— “Australian and Indian Dawns of Realism: a Comparative Approach” (with Maya Boutaghout) in *Reading Down Under: Australian Literary Studies Reader*, Amit Sarwal and Reema Sarwal eds. New Delhi: SSS Publication. “Sidere Mutato: Three Ways of Being Difficult (Mallarmé, Brennan, Hope) *Southerly*, 2009.

### 2008

— “Une rencontre infiniment répétée: Héro et Léandre”, in *Topographie de la rencontre dans le roman européen*, Jean-Pierre Dubost, ed. Clermont-Ferrand, Presses de l'UBP, p. 261-285.

— “Inventaire de la dépossession”, in *Objet, bijour et corps: incorporer*, Monique Manoha &Alexandre Klein ed. Paris: L'Harmattan, 2008, p. 109-120.

— “Barcelone: écrire la marge, traduire en marge”, bilingual article, *Doletiana*, n°2, *Traduire la ville*, Barcelone.

<http://webs2002.uab.es/doletiana/2Documents/barcelone-fr.pdf>

— “Réalismes, savoirs romanesques et modernisation” *Rencontres avec l’Inde*, New Delhi. “Unfulfilled Femininities: Floating Novelistic Territories”, *Journal of Contemporary Thought*, N° 26, 2007 Winter p. 121-130.

### 2007

— “Bon voyage en Terre Gaste : du caractère politique de la lecture comparatiste”, in *Le Lecteur*

*engagé*, Isabelle Poulin & Jérôme Roger ed. *Modernités* N° 26. p. 147-156.2006

- “Comparatisme, universalisme, relativismes: les enjeux du modèle indien” in Émilienne Baneth-Nouailhetas & Claire Joubert, ed., *Comparer l'étranger: Enjeux du comparatisme en littérature*. Rennes: PUR, p.65-79.
- “D'une modernité délabrée: les ‘nouvelles littératures’” *Modernités du Suranné - Raturer le vieillir*, Valéry Hugotte & Jean-Christophe Valtat ed., Presses de l'Université Blaise Pascal,p. 149-157.
- “Hanuman.com”, *Synergies-Inde*, n°1, GERFLINT, Bombay.  
<http://fle.asso.free.fr/GERFLINT/Inde1.htm>  
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– “Votum mortis » (Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, *Death of a Discipline*, New York, Columbia University Press, 2003). 13 p.

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## 2003

– “D'un statut moyen de la fiction» (Fiona McIntosh, *La Vraisemblance narrative en question*, Paris, Presses de la Sorbonne nouvelle, 2002) 14 p. <http://www.fabula.org/revue/cr/444.php>

– “Pourquoi les genres?” (Milind Malshe, *Aesthetics of Literary Classification*, Mumbai, Popular Prakashan, 2003.) 18 p.

<http://www.fabula.org/revue/cr/421.php>

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– “Comment (on voulait) critiquer les traductions” (Katharina Reiss, *La critique des traductions, ses possibilités et ses limites, traduit de l'allemand par C. Bocquet*, Arras, Artois Presses Université, 2002.) 9 p.

<http://www.fabula.org/revue/cr/383.php>

– “Incertitudes de l'hispafrancité » (Malingret, Laurence: *Stratégies de traduction : les Lettres hispaniques en langue française*, Arras, Artois Presses Université, 2002.) 12 p.

<http://www.fabula.org/revue/cr/344.php>

## PAPERS / KEYNOTE CONFERENCE PAPERS

### 2023 (fc)

25-26 May. "Transworld Underground: Casanova's Icosameron and the Limits of Cosmopolitan Hospitality." **ESCL/SELC Conference 2023** *Underground Imaginaries*, Alcalá de Henares, Spain.

### 2022

- Nov. 10. "Littérature mondiale, "World Literature," traduction, hétéroglossie." CEREO one-day conference "La traduction des littératures étrangères et leurs paradigmes de réception en France (2)", Plurielles, Bordeaux Montaigne.
- July 26. "Local South and the Curse of Origin." ICLA/AILC XXIII Congress, Tbilisi.
- June 16. "Men don't (really) Flee, or Do They? Women do Wander." ACLA meeting 2022, Taiwan (online).

### 2020

- March 9-10. "When Less is More: Towards a Theory of No Fixed Address," invited plenary paper, **International Conference – Locations and Dislocations of Theory**. Babeş- Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca. 2019
- August 4. "Si par un jour d'été un spectateur..." International conference "Écrire pour inventer (à partir des travaux de Jean Ricardou)" CCIC July 31-August 7.
- March 7-10. "Ulysses in Wonderland: ironies of authenticity and defeats of autonomy in Tagore, Kundera and Peter Carey," "Intersections between Nativism and Cosmopolitanism" seminar, ACLA annual meeting Georgetown U. Washington DC.

### 2018

September 20-21. Conversion is the limit, or the receding horizon of equivalence. Opening keynote paper as guest of honour. "Equivalence(s)" A translation theory symposium, U. of Aarhus, Denmark.

### 2017

- October 12-15. "Implicit world-framing as argument: the quasi-dialectical (de)territorialization of postcolonial fiction" invited keynote paper. "Literature Argues" Symposium. University of Tulsa, convened by Victor Udwin.
- July 9. "Self-worlding and Self-minorizing Strategies of Postcolonial Fiction", ACLA annual meeting, Utrecht, 6-9 juillet 2017.
- March 8. "World Literature and Planetarity: Comparative Literature, Experimental reading, possible worlds, literal planet" Valedictory lecture of the XIII CLAI Biennial International Conference, Visva Bharati University, Shantiniketan, 6-9 March 2017.

### 2016

- November 24-26 "Alter-Orients: from Tagore's Far East to Ghosh's Egypt" (English version) International conference "La Relation asiatique". UBP, Clermont-Ferrand.
- November 14-15. "Restes, restes et restes ou la négativité productive du traduire" Invited paper, International conference "Comparando os Intraducíveis", USC, Santiago de Compostela, Spain.
- July 21-27. "Versification as Intralingual Translation and Common Language" ICLA/AILC Convention, Vienna, Austria.
- May 13-14. "Worlding and Localizing the Novel: The Parallel Lives of the Historical Repressed in 'Magic Realism' (India and Hispanic America)". Session C5 "The Novel Across World Literatures". SNS (Society for Novel Studies) bi-annual meeting. U. of Pittsburgh.
- May 10-11. "Refuge, fuite : consciences divisées (selon Koestler, Gangopadhyay et Mertens)".

International Conference: “Figures du réfugié et du déplacé”, Université de Montréal.

- March 17-20. “Experimental Cosmopolitanism”. Opening keynote paper for the Seminar “Recoding and Reinventing Theories”, ACLA annual meeting, Harvard U.

### 2015

November. “Nouvelles aventures de Néos, Arché et Chaos”, 40<sup>th</sup> Congress of SFLGC (the French Comparative Literature Association).

November. “Delhi Belly: Transmogrification as Authenticity”. Keynote paper. Conference on “Authenticity and Cultural Translation in the Global City and Community”, U. of Lausanne, Switzerland.

October. “Le Familiar et son double”. Keynote paper. Conference “L’Acte littéraire à l’ère de la posthistoire”, UQAM, Montréal.

May. “Ars poetica (in vitro): réflexions sur le réarmement du poème”. Keynote paper. “Journée d’étude sur le genre de l’art poétique contemporain”, UQAM, Montréal.

May. “De l’impuissance symbolique: tentative de désenchantement”. Conference on “Puissances symboliques et fabulations mythiques dans les univers sociaux”. UQAM, Montréal.

April. “Power Failure in Paris: Dethorization of the Centre”. Opening keynote paper. “Localizing Theory” conference, University of Bucharest, Romania.

February. “Pour une lecture métèque”. Colloquium on French and Francophone 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literature and Culture, LSU, Baton Rouge.

### 2014

February. “Du mensonge traductif”. Colloque “Mensonge et discours”, ISSHT Université Tunis-El Manar.

### 2013

July. “Indian Literature as Comparative Literature”, Session “Orient/Occident: au-delà des essentialismes”.

November. “De l’ambiguïté allochtonique: Casanova et Aurobindo”. One day Symposium “Dystopies et perturbations de l’utopie”. U. Bordeaux Montaigne.

### 2009

March. “Crise de/du sens et crise de/du vers”. Keynote paper. International Conference “La Crise du sens”. ERCILIS, Tozeur, Tunisia.

### 2008

May. “Réalisme baroque, éon magique (et autres paradoxes émergents)” One day Conference of the « Altérités Littéraires » Centre (TELEM) on “Baroque et mondialité” Université Bordeaux 3.

[Symposium “La digression”, Tunis 2008, eventually not convened] “Changer de sujet (ou le Principe d’et cetera)”, presentation and annotated translation of chapter 4 of *Loiterature*, by Ross Chambers , U. of Nebraska Press, 1999.

« Dialectique des configurations digressives spatialisées : égarement et emboîtement chez Benet et Robbe-Grillet ».

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### 2007

December. “Unfulfilled Femininities : Floating Novelistic Territories », 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Baroda Forum on Contemporary Theory: “Thinking Territory”. Goa University.

November. “Le Lieu du négligé”, conference “Correspondance et création littéraire”, FLSH, Université de Sfax.

“L’irressemblance du sujet poétique australien” [on A.D. Hope and Judith Wright], “Modernités” Centre conference “L’Irressemblance : autobiographie et poésie”, Michel Braud & Valéry Hugotte dir., Bordeaux.

August 13-17. “*Almiraphèl* a contrapendiente: de la experimentación al empirismo”. Keynote paper 2. International Conference “Expoesía”, Susana Romano Sued, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina.

« Movilización general de las formas fijas ». Keynote paper 1. “Expoesía”, Susana Romano Sued dir., Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina.

July 29-Aug 4. “Comparative Universalism” ICLA/AILC Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

July 17-20. “The World Dimension of Inwardness, or: There is Nothing Mysterious about Poetry”. Keynote paper. International A.D. Hope Centenary Conference “The Wandering Islands”, David Brooks, dir., Australian National University, Canberra

July 13-14 “Sidere Mutato: Three Ways of Being Difficult (Mallarmé, Brennan, Hope)”. Keynote paper. International Mallarmé-Brennan conference « Double Exposures: Christopher Brennan/Stéphane Mallarmé », David Brooks dir., University of Sydney, English Department.

June 27-30. “Les Noces de Casanova”, XXIst International Conference of SATOR, “Topoï du mariage dans la littérature d’Ancien Régime” Françoise Lavocat dir., Université Paris VII-Denis Diderot.

June 14-16 “Narratology, Western and Non-Western, in Postcolonial and Globalisation Studies: Promises and Limits”. Special Distinguished Guest Lecture. International Conference “Current Trends in Narratology”, Monika Fludernik dir., Freiburg-am- Brisgau.

January. “La vache à savoir”, International Conference “Devant la fiction, dans le monde” Centre d’Études Romanesques de l’Université de Picardie and CRAL-EHESS, Catherine Grall et Marielle Macé dir., Amiens.

## 2006

December. “Ecrire pour oublier, oublier pour écrire : pour une poétique immémorielle du lyrique” International Conference “Le Texte littéraire entre mémoire et devenir”, Kamel Gaha, dir. ISSHT-U. Tunis El Manar.

November. “Beside Magical Realism”, International Conference “Boundaries and Limits of Postcolonial Studies”, FSU, Tallahassee, Florida.

“Bon voyage en Terre Gaste : du caractère politique de la lecture comparatiste”, Conference “Le lecteur engagé”, Isabelle Poulin & Jérôme Roger, dir. Modernités-IUFM, Bordeaux.

June. “Le corps de l’irrédemption ou l’affranchie par amour : Manon, Khanum Jan, Marguerite, Taradevi...”, XXth International Conference of SATOR “Le corps Romanesque”, Monique Moser, dir., Montréal

## 2005

December. “Les chemins du réel : pour une philosophie sartrienne de la mimesis”, International Conference “Sartre, création littéraire et philosophie”, Faculté des Lettres de Gabès, Tunisie.

September. “Othering the West, or Why Comparative Literature Should Ban Identity”, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Congress of ICLA/AILC, Venice, U. Ca Foscari. Paola Mildonian dir.

October 15-16. “Inventaire de la dépossession”, [on *Gaban (The Stolen Jewels)* by Premchand], 4<sup>th</sup> GERCO, conference, Nîmes.

July 7-9 “Une rencontre infiniment répétée : Héro et Léandre”, XIXth International Conference of SATOR, “La Rencontre”, Jean-Pierre Dubost, UBP Clermont-Ferrand.

April. “No Rasa for the Sarkar: The Aesthetics of Political Resistance in the Modern and

Contemporary Indian Novel”, Colloquium “Politics and/in Aesthetics”, Joint Congress of the Greek and Bulgarian English Studies Associations, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, and St Cyril and St Methodius U. of Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria.

### 2004

December. “Montrer le fictif, nommer le réel ? », « Modernités »-IUFM Conference “Les enseignements de la fiction.” U. of Bordeaux.

November. “The Ghost who Came from Babel : On the Subject of Non-translation”. Closing Distinguished Guest Keynote. International Conference “Subjecte I traducció”, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

October. “Comparatisme, universalisme, relativismes : les enjeux du modèle indien”, One day Symposium “Le Texte étranger”, Université Paris 8.

May. “A Supplement to Diderot’s and d’Alembert’s Journey”. Foreign Guest keynote Paper. “The Global 18<sup>th</sup> Century” International Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Indiana, Bloomington.

April. “D’une modernité délabrée : les ‘nouvelles littératures’” « Le Suranné » Conference, Université Blaise Pascal, Clermont-Ferrand.

### 2003

November. “Du ricochet ethnographique : L’*Icosaméron* de Casanova, un Orient en sous- sol”, Conference « Ethnologie et littérature », Musée de l’Homme, Paris.

October. “Par-delà l’identitaire : engagements romanesques indiens depuis Tagore” (colloque international, U. de Rennes 2, octobre 2003) in Emmanuel Bouju, éd., *L’Engagement littéraire*, Presses Universitaires de Rennes 2005, p. 127-139.

October. “Lyrique, modernités, corporéité “, International Conference “Le lyrisme aujourd’hui”. Université de Sherbrooke, Québec, Canada.

May. “Proceso representacional y universos de referencia : de la experiencia estética a la validación empírica de descripciones”. Keynote paper. International Conference “La representación en las artes y las ciencias”, UNC, La Falda, Córdoba, Argentina.

### 1998

« Cruelles croisades : Andrzejewski et Schwob », International Conference “ MarcelSchwob”, U. Bordeaux Montaigne.

“Esthétiques littéraires de 1898 en Espagne,” “1898” one day conference, Mireille Dottin-Orsini dir., Université Bordeaux Montaigne & Bibliothèque Municipale de Bordeaux.

“Une question de représentation ? L’espace européen dans ses fictions” SFLGC Congress,

U. de Limoges.1997

“Toujours déjà écrit” (manuscrit trouvé et compulsion de répétition : l'exemple d'*Arthur* d'Eugène Sue)”, International Conference “Le manuscrit trouvé”, Jan Herman dir., Université Catholique de Louvain.

“L’essai dans le roman et vice versa”, Conference “Récit et argumentation”, Gilles Philippe dir., Université de Picardie.

### 1995

“Not Just a Matter of Style: On the Political Responsibility of Theoretic Writing”, International Conference “The Status of Theory at the End of the Second Millennium”, UIMP, Valencia.

“De la formule (pour une approche stylistique de la pensée fictionnelle dans l’œuvre de Pierre Mertens) » International Conference “Pierre Mertens ou la liberté de l'esprit”, Brussels.

1994. “Cohérence et discours poétique”. International Conference “La Cohérence” Roger Van de Velde & Jan Baetens dir. Noesis Foundation, Calaceite, août 1994.

1992. « L'Âme de Raymond Roussel », International Conference “La Gloire”, José Luis Diaz dir. Noesis Foundation, Calaceite.

### 1991

“Visual Semiotics and Literary Semantics », the Distinguished Foreign Guest keynotelecture. Congress of “Association Canadienne de Sémiotique”, Kingston, Ontario.

« Proto-history », colloque international “Speed and Communication”, Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo, Valencia.

1990. “Of Worlds and Nutshells: on Casanova’s *Icosameron* », *Fiction Updated : Theories of Fictionality, Narratology, and Poetics, Conference in Honor of Lubomir Dolezel*. University of Toronto Press.

### 1989.

“Good-bye Again: Elegy and Role Playing, with Special Reference to the Poetry of Antoine Bertin”, RMMLA Convention, Las Vegas.

“Le Dé-signateur”, 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference “La Fictionalité”, Didier Coste, dir. Cerisy-la-Salle.

“À quoi sert la mauvaise littérature”, International Conference “Frontières et fonctions de la littérature”, Université de Montréal.

“Solar Poetry and the Subject of Enlightenment (Malfilâtre, Meléndez Valdes, Lamartine and Espronceda)”, Purdue University *Romance Languages Annual*.

“Pour une histoire littéraire négative du XIXème siècle français”, 19CFS Symposium, Ross Chambers dir., U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

### 1988

“La Vénus de Rodin”, International Conference “L’Écriture des artistes au XIXème siècle », Henriette Bessis & Didier Coste, dir. Noesis Foundation, Calaceite (Spain)

“La mecanización del deseo: de la novela por entregas a la telenovela”, International Conference “Modernidad y modernización en la cultura española”, U. de Valencia.

1987. “La Double voix ou l’écriture ex-schize (dans quelques textes récents de Marguerite Duras et de Monique Wittig)”, “Marguerite Duras” International Conference, U.deValencia

1986. Pour une sémiotique visuelle du texte littéraire », SFLGC Congress. U. d’Aix- Marseille, Aix-en-Provence.

### 1985

“Narratividad limitada en *Pueblo de Azorín*”, International Colloquium “José Martínez Ruiz, Azorín”, Pyrenaïca, Pau, 1985.

“En busca de esencias: liricidad, ausencia, presencia”, Joint colloquium of S.E.L. (Toulouse) & Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, “Teoría del discurso poético,” Université de Toulouse-le-Mirail.

### 1984

“Exil, exotisme et valeur: les Antipodes ou le miroir du Moi”, SFLGC Congress, U. Stendhal, Grenoble.

“El Mediterráneo como vocación: lo clásico y lo pánico”, keynote inaugural talk, IIº Encuentro de Escritores del Mediterráneo, Valencia, April 1984; published in *Literatura i societat*, Ajuntament de Valencia, 1985, p.146-55.

### 1983.

“Fonctions cardinales du personnage et cohérence du récit”, inaugural keynote paper, Symposium du Séminaire d’Etudes Littéraires: *Le Personnage en question*, Milagros Ezquerro & Michèle Ramond dir., Toulouse, 1983.

“La littérarité du roman rose: ses raisons, ses mécanismes, ses conséquences”, 1<sup>st</sup> International

- Conference on “Le Roman populaire”, René Guise dir., Pont-à-Mousson, U. of Nancy.
- “S. Thala, capitale du possible”, International “Marguerite Duras” conference, Liège & Bruxelles, Belgium.
- “*Lector in figura*: fictionalité et rhétorique générale”, SFLGC Congress, Lille
- “A los principios de la novela rosa: dos novelas de Pérez y Pérez”, International conference
- “Productions populaires en Espagne, 1850-1920”, Pyrenaïca, U. de Pau.1982
- “Discours de l’essai et discours narratif dans *De l’Amour*”, Colloque de Cerisy-la Salle: “Stendhal”, 1982.
- “Autobiographie et autoanalyse, matrices du texte littéraire », Colloque de Cerisy-la-Salle: *Autobiographie et individualisme en Occident*, C. Delhez-Sarlet & M. Cattani dir.
1981. “Rehearsal: An Alternative to Production/Reproduction in French Feminist Discourse”, plenary keynote paper “Innovation /Renovation II”, Johnson Foundation, Racine, and U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.
1977. “Heroic Function and Interpretation of Narrative”, AULLA XVIII, Wellington, New Zealand.
1976. “Économie textuelle / économie colonialiste”, FILM XIII, Sydney, 1975.
1974. “Les espaces de Pierre Loti”, AFSA, Adelaide, SA.

## GUEST LECTURES

### 2021

April 29. 76th online lecture and debate organised by Calcutta Comparatists 1919 Speaker: Prof. Didier Coste: "Heteroglossia in Cosmopolitan Perspective: Jhumpa Lahiri's leap across to Italian"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Obd7Y-FTr-c&t=5316s>

### 2019

March 5-6

1 -"From Brobdingnag to the Billabong, and Back: Mapping a Global South with Peter Carey." Department of English, University of Pittsburgh.

2 – March 6 "The Literary Construction of Cosmopolitan Identities," Colloquium of the Humanities Institute, University of Pittsburgh. Host : Prof. Jonathan Arac.

### 2017

November 10. "La traduction poétique comme expérience cosmopolite", ENS Ulm, Paris.

April 18. "La autenticidad imposible: traducción, género y nombres trastocados, de la Virgen de Guadalupe a Fray Servando, pasando por la Malinche" in Spanish, hosted by Prof. Indrani Mukherjee, CSPILAS, JNU, Delhi

### 2016

November 1-3

1 - "Home or the World? Cosmopolitanism and Native Universalism, with special reference to Indian Literatures" Department of English, University of Pittsburgh.

2 - "The Poetics and Politics of Literary Translation"- Colloquium of the Humanities Institute, University of Pittsburgh. Host : Prof. Jonathan Arac.

May 6. "Cosmopolitanism, Cross-cultural Negotiation and the Comparatist Mind", a guest lecture for the PhD candidates in Comparative Literature. Host : Prof. Haun Saussy. U. of Chicago, Department of Comparative Literature.

March 31. « Traduction interculturelle et négociation de l'altérité ». Département de Linguistique et de Traduction, U. de Montréal.

January 22. "Yo son muchos y de todas partes': La negociación transcultural diáspórica de dos poetas argentinos contemporáneos, Oscar Steinberg y Susana Romano Sued", Centre for Spanish Studies, JNU, New Delhi. Host: Indrani Mukherjee.

January 19. "Qu'est-ce que la Littérature Comparée?" Centre for French and Francophone Studies, JNU, New Delhi. Host: Ashish Agnihotri.

### 2015

December 11. Universitat de Valencia, Spain, Departamento de Teoría de los lenguajes. "Literatura y negociación intercultural"

December 10. Universitat de Valencia, Spain, Departamento de Teoría de los lenguajes. "Lectura-debate: poesía y traducción en tres idiomas". Hosts: Giulia Colaizzi & Santiago Renard.

December 9. Universitat de Barcelona, English Studies Department. "Visions of Longing and Unbelonging: Landscapes of/in Australian Poetry".

November 3. Université Laval, Québec, Programme de Traduction et Terminologie. "Mensonge traductif, altérisation, redéfinition du traduire". Host: Louis Jolicœur.

October 22. University of Ottawa, Translation Studies. "Mensonge traductif et altérisation". Host: Marc Charron.

2013

January 17. "Verse, Plurilingualism, Translation". Rajdhani College, Delhi University.

January 16. "Universalism(s) and the notion(s) of World Literature: An Endless Controversy", moderated by Prof. Saugata Bhaduri, Centre for English Literature, JNU, New Delhi.

January 15. "Problèmes de narratologie". Centre for French and Francophone Studies, JNU, New Delhi.

January 14. "Conversations with Hanuman: Indian Literature(s) as Comparative Literature", moderated by Em. Prof. Chandra Mohan, Secretary General, Indian Comparative Literature Association. Bharati College, Delhi University.

January 11. "Littératures Francophones, Postcolonialisme et mondialisation", moderated by Dr Ashish Agnihotri. Centre for French and Francophone Studies, JNU, New Delhi.

2012

November 1. "What World for World Literature?" moderated by Prof. Alexis Nouss. Centre for European Studies, Cardiff University.

2011

July. Debate on Australian Studies and Comparative Literature. English Department, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart Üniversitesi, Turkey.

2008

"Robbe-Grillet et le formalisme romanesque", public guest lecture, Département de Français, Faculté des Lettres de Gabès, Tunisia.

2007

August 31 « Réalismes, savoirs romanesques et modernisation », public guest lecture, UNIP Brasilia, with the contribution of Alliance Française and French Embassy in Brazil.

August 30. « The Notion of World Literature and its Stakes in the Context of Cultural Globalisation », Guest public lecture, UNIP Brasilia, with the contribution of Alliance Française and French Embassy in Brazil.

2006

March. « Laver sa langue sale en famille » : quelques réflexions profanes sur la linguistique et la théorie littéraire », public guest lecture, FLSH, U. of Sfax, Tunisia.

2004

August. "Enseigner les littératures indiennes modernes en France". Centre for French and Francophone Studies, JNU. New Delhi.

August. Seminar on Robbe-Grillet's *Jealousy*, Centre for French and Francophone Studies, JNU. New Delhi.

July. « A Taste for Old Things ? Uses and Meanings of the Obsolete in Two Worlds » University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

July. Literature: Comparative, Global or Planetary? A Critique of Some American (Mainly Postcolonial) Positions », Comparative Literature Department, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.

2003

September. "Nomad's Land" (on J.-M. Le Clézio's persona as 'Great Wanderer') », Department of Languages, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

September. "Peter Carey's "Conversations with Unicorns": Allegory, Metafiction and Parable". Centre for English and Linguistics, JNU, New Delhi.

September. "The Aesthetic Construction of Ethnicity in Postcolonial Fiction", Centre for English

and Linguistics, JNU, New Delhi.

1997 January "L'inscription du tiers dans la conversation : Compton-Burnett, Sartre, Sarraute", Université de Pau.

1995 March « Romanticismo y universalización de la originalidad », Special Guest Lecture, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Graduate School of Humanities, Barcelona.

« De las mores y moradas de los dioses », Homenaje a Ángel Crespo, Universitat de Barcelona, 20 December 1994, in *Homenaje a Ángel Crespo*, ACEC, Barcelone, 1996.

### 1990

December. "De la manipulation: réflexions sur quelques stratégies de contextualisation et d'intertextualisation," Faculty & Student Research seminar "De l'intertextualité à l'interaction", Wlad Godzich & Daniel Castillo dir., Department of Comparative Literature, Université de Montréal.

March. "Ni vu ni connu: esthétique et idéologie du visuel dans la communication narrative," Distinguished Guest Lecture, Faculté des Études Supérieures, Université de Montréal.

February. Same as below. Rice University, Houston TX.

January 8. "History and its Other: Some Reflections on the Theoretical Status of Description" Institute for Literary Science, University of Amsterdam.

1989 November. "The Shadow of the Monument: Five Motions to Reconsider the 19th century". University of Illinois, Urbana.

March. Same as below, Universiy of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.1988

April. "Narrative Meaning and the Struggle for Consent: A Comparative Approach". Poetics Institute, Department of English, New York University.

"L'Exclusion du sentiment: romancières oubliées du tournant du siècle », Distinguished Guest Lecture, "Maison Française", New York University.

March. Same as below: Columbia University.

February. "Télémaque ou les errances du genre », San Diego State University.

1987. "Semiótica visual del texto literario." Guest Lectures at the U. of Oviedo and Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

1986. February "Moralisme et réalisme: deux régimes de fictionalité chez Stendhal, French Department, Yale University.

## CONFERENCES CONVENED

2018-2019. (Designing and collaboration) "Intersections between Nativism and Cosmopolitanism" seminar, ACLA meeting 2019.

2007. Co-conception: "The Wandering Islands Conference », Centennial A.D. Hope Conference, HRC, Canberra, 17-20 July (Prof. David Brooks, convener)

2002. "Récit émergent, récit renaissant: 1859-1939", Université Michel de Montaigne -Bordeaux 3, 24-26 January.

1990. « Actualité des formes fixes dans la poésie contemporaine », Paris, Centre Pompidou,(with Bernardo Schiavetta).

1990. « La Fictionalité II - études appliquées », Calaceite, Noesis Foundation.

1989-. « Les Formes fixes / Las formas fijas », Calaceite, Noesis Foundation.

1989. « La Fictionalité I (théorie) ». Cerisy-la-Salle, CCIC.
1988. L'Écriture des artistes au XIXe siècle », Calaceite, Noesis Foundation (with Henriette Bessis).
1984. Le Singulier / Lo singular », Calaceite, Noesis Foundation.
1982. Raisons du cœur / Raison du récit », Cerisy-la-Salle, CCIC (with Michel Zéraffa).

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*Readings*, online journal, Dr. Alexandra Berlina ed. Reviewer 2014-2017.

<http://www.readingsjournal.net/>

*Doletiana*, an online quadrilingual journal of Translation Studies, UAB, Barcelona, 2004-  
[webs2002.uab.es/doletiana/](http://webs2002.uab.es/doletiana/)

*Formules, revue des littératures à contraintes*, Paris, 1997-2010.

*Formes Poétiques Contemporaines*, member of advisory board 2005-2010.

Board of Directors of the *International Dictionary of Literary Terms* (DITL) 2001-2007.

*Fabula* (a journal in Literary Theory, Université de Lille) while the journal was published.

*Noesis* (a journal of literature and the arts published in Spain and France), chief editor and director while the journal was published (1985-1990)

*Eutopías*, a journal of literary and discourse theory founded by Prof. Jenaro Talens, U. de Valencia, 1988-1995.

*Encyclopaedia Universalis*, chief sub-editor and editorial adviser (1968-70).

## **CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS**

SFLGC (Société Française de Littérature Générale et Comparée)

ICLA/AILC

ACLA

CLAI

SARI

### **Current Research Programs and Centers:**

UR Plurielles 24142 (Research Unit), Université Bordeaux Montaigne

<https://plurielles.u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr/unite-de-recherche-plurielles-24142>

“Les Orients désorientés” (UBP Clermont-Ferrand, Jean-Pierre Dubost, convener)

<https://lesordesor.hypotheses.org>

## **CREATIVE WRITING**

2022

“Things to Come,” 7 poems

2021

*Concierto* (54 poems in Spanish)

### 2019-2020

*Glass Walls* (42 poems)

### Published 2019

*Indian Poems* (“Poems of the Carnal Edge”, 2012-2014, and “Desi Devi”, 2017, with a Preface by the author and a Foreword by Rukmini Bhaya Nair). Calcutta: Writers Workshop, March 2019, 70 p.

### 2015-2017

*The Voice Trilogy*, (*Opus 15*, 54 poems; *The Reading Pavilion*, 36 poems; *Sounds Saved*, 36 poems)

### Published 2015

*Anonymous of Troy* [poetry 2009-2012]. Sydney: Puncher & Wattmann, 2015.2012-2014

*Indian Poems of the Carnal Edge*, published in *The Journal of the Poetry Society*, Calcutta, 2013, and *Muse India*, 2014: <http://www.museindia.com/regularcontent.asp?issid=57&id=5178>

### 2012.

*Composition sans titre* (60 sonnets).

*Paysages* (poetry 1995-2012). Selection published in *Po&sie* 1995 & n°141, Oct. 2012.

*Le Dit de Héro et Léandre* (poem 2002-2012). Selections published in *Topographie de la rencontre*, Presses de l’UBP, 2008 and in *Po&sie*, 2015.

Video recording UQAM: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=id3XQai5Ov42005>.

*Days in Sydney, roman* (bilingual). Paris: Noesis-Agnès Viénot.

[reviews and studies by Emily Finlay, *Southerly*, vol. 68 n°3, 2008, p. 294-297;

Hélène Jaccard, “For the Bicultural Happy Few Only: Didier Coste’s *Days in Sydney*”, Portal, UTSe Press, vol. 6 n°1, 2009, p. 1-14

[http://research-repository.uwa.edu.au/en/publications/for-the-bicultural-happy-few-only-didier-costes-days-in-sydney\(e82951bb-e041-4c19-bd7b-9558b0656708\).html](http://research-repository.uwa.edu.au/en/publications/for-the-bicultural-happy-few-only-didier-costes-days-in-sydney(e82951bb-e041-4c19-bd7b-9558b0656708).html);

Robert Pickering, “‘Longing for Sydney’: Didier Coste’s *Days in Sydney*” in *Australian Made: A Multicultural Reader*, Sonia Mycak & Amit Sarwal, ed., University of Sydney Press, 2010. p. 261-276]

### 1995-2009

– *La Vie en images, six episodes*. Leading long short story “Expo individuelle” published in *Brèves*, n°88, 2009, p. 58-93.

– *Critique du Récit* (poèmes). Selections published in *Po&sie*, *Poésie 2002* (Seghers) and *FPC*.

### 1990-2008

*Hier est bien commencé*, suivi de *Le Monde extérieur*. Selections published in *Essays in Literature and Culture*, n° 45, UWA Publications, 2008, p. 125-128 and *Les Écrits*, Montréal, 2015, with an Introduction, p. 65-77.

1995. *La Leçon d’Otilia* (*Puellae laus atque lucis, Requiem et Silentiae Liber Novus*), par A. Saint- Amand. Paris: La Différence.

[Review by Claude-Michel Cluny in *Lire* / *L’Express*.]

1991. *XII Élégies* / *XII Elegías*; bilingual edition (Spanish version by Ángel Crespo). Calaceite: Noesis, 1991.

1980-1987. *L’ombre floue du sublime* (poésie et prose), selections published in several magazines and journals, including *Po&sie* and *Le Monde Dimanche*.

1981. *Vita Australis* (enriched French edition). Paris: "Digraphe", Flammarion, 1981.

1977. *Vita Australis* (bilingual French-English selection). Sydney: Wild & Wooley.

See Michael Wilding. *Wild and Wooley, a Publishing Memoir*. Sydney: Giramondo 2011,p. 53-54.

1972. *Le Retour des cendres*, théâtre. Lausanne: L'Age d'Homme.

1970. *Pour mon herbe, poèmes*; Paris: Éditions du Seuil.

1969. *Journal exemplaire* (d'une enquête en province). Paris: Éditions du Seuil.1968 *Le Voyage organisé*, roman. Paris: Éditions du Seuil.

Writing grant of the Centre National des Lettres.1966 *Je demeure en Sylvia*, récit. Paris: Éditions de Minuit.

Writing grant of the Centre National des Lettres.

"Bref Manifeste nocturne", *Les Lettres Françaises*, 14 avril 1966, p.14.

1963

*Environs d'un temps, poèmes*. Paris: Éditions de Minuit.

*La Lune avec les dents*, roman. Paris: Éditions de Minuit.

Prix Hermès, 1965; Bourse Fénéon, 1965.

[Translated into Dutch (Meulenhoff, 1965); Spanish (Lumen, 1968); English(Calder and Boyars, 1974).]

## TRANSLATIONS

### 1 – From Spanish and Catalan into French

2018-2022

- In progress

(with Benjamin de Saint-Phalle) León DE GREIFF. *Les Muses de Bolombolo*, anthologie bilingue.

- Completed 2018

Alfonsina STORNI. *Masques et trèfle, livre d'anti-sonnets* (*Mascarilla y trebol*, 1938) 53 sonnets and a preface.

6 sonnets présentés et traduits par Didier Coste, *L'Intranquille* n°23, 8-11. 2022

2015

ROMANO SUED, Susana: *Quelque chose d'inoui, maintenant* (anthologie poétique bilingue).Selection, translation, foreword and notes. Paris: Reflet de Lettres

STEIMBERG, Oscar: *Figuration de Gabino Betinotti*, suivi de *Gardel et la Tsarine* (bilingual edition). Translation, foreword and notes. Paris : Reflet de Lettres

ALONSO, Rodolfo : *L'Art de se taire* (Collaborative translation with Bernardo Schiavetta and the author). Paris : Reflet de Lettres.

1994. MARTÍ I POL, Miquel : *Cahier de vacances* (from Catalan), bilingual édition.Translation and Foreword. Barcelona : Noesis, "Parvula" n° 16.

1992

J.V. FOIX : "La Gare", prose poem (from Catalan), *Antigone*, N°17, p. 49-55. TALENS, Jenaro :

*Moins qu'une image*, coll. "Parvula", Noesis; ill. By Jean-Paul Billerot.1991

FORMOSA, Feliu : *Semblance*, (from Catalan); Calaceite : Noesis « Parvula »; ill. by Christiane Malval.

CRESPO, Ángel : *La Forêt transparente*, 88p., coll. "Parvula", Noesis; ill. by Rafols-Casamada.

[Selection in *Po&sie*, N°47, p. 33-38]

1985

ARENAS, Reinaldo : *Arturo l'étoile la plus brillante*; new revised edition with a translator's afterword. Paris: Fayard « Mille et une nuits », 2004.

SILES, Jaime : "Graphèmes", *Po&sie*, N°32, p. 34-39.

1984. HIDOBRO, Vicente : *Altazor*, new translation., U. de Pau, reproduced for student use.

1976

(in collaboration) FRANQUI, Carlos : *Journal de la révolution cubaine*. Paris : Éditions du Seuil.

SABATO, Ernesto : *L'Ange des ténèbres*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil. New ed., coll. "Points", 1983. New edition in *Oeuvres romanesques*, Seuil, 1996.

Prix du Meilleur Livre Étranger, 1977

1975

PUIG, Manuel : *Les Mystères de Buenos Aires*. Paris : Éditions du Seuil; new ed., coll. "Points", 1989; new edition, 2004.

ARENAS, Reinaldo : *Le Palais des très blanches moufettes*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil; new revised., with a translator's afterword. Paris : Fayard "Mille et une nuits", 2006.

1974

DOMINGO, Javier : *L'Innocent* (6 poèmes ill. by Joan Miró's lithographs); ltd luxury edition.

ARENAS, Reinaldo : *Le Puits*. Paris : Éditions du Seuil ; new revised ed., with a translator's afterword, under restored title: *Celestino avant l'aube*. Paris: Fayard "Mille et une nuits", 2003.

1972 - DONOSO, José : *L'Obscène oiseau de la nuit*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil; new edition, coll. "Points", 1990. New edition, revised by the translator, Paris: Belfond, 2019.

1971 - LEZAMA LIMA, José : *Paradiso*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil; ne ed. coll. "Points", 1984.

1968 - ARENAS, Reinaldo : *Le Monde hallucinant* ; new ed. coll. "Points", 1989; new revised edition with a translator's afterword. Paris : Fayard "Mille et une nuits ", 2002.

1968 - (in collaboration) TORRES, Camilo : *Ecrits et paroles*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil.

## 2 – From English into French

2022

SETHUADHAVAN. *Pandavapuram, roman malayali*. Traduit de l'anglais (Inde) avec une postface et des notes. Paris: L'Harmattan.

2018-2022 (in progress)

HOPE, Alec D.: *Les Îles errantes: anthologie poétique bilingue*. [A bilingual anthology selected from *Collected Poems, Selected Poems and A Late Picking*] Accepted by La Différence, Paris, but the publisher declared bankruptcy soon after.

[2006] « Six poèmes du paysage en creux » (translation and presentation), *Po&sie*, n° 114, Jan. 2006, p. 42-49.

MAITRAYE Devi: *Ce qui jamais ne meurt (mémoire.)* [*It Does Not Die*, U. of Chicago Press 1974]

2018 - FINCH, Annie, *Au pays des Déesses*, a poetry anthology, completed with the author's collaboration and approval, to be submitted.

2015 - LAVOCAT, Françoise: *Histoire et fiction* (chapters, 135 p.) toward English, in collaboration.

1982 - (in collaboration) MILLHAUSER, Steven: *Portrait d'un romantique*, Denoël.

### 1979

DURRELL, Lawrence: *Les Îles grecques*, Paris: Albin Michel (réédition Paris: Bartillat 2010)

MARCUSE, Herbert: *La Dimension esthétique*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil.

1977 - MENUHIN, Yehudi: *Le Voyage inachevé*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil; new ed., coll. "Points", 1979.

1976 - MAAS, Peter: *Le Roi des Gitans*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil.

1975 - MILLHAUSER, Steven: *La Vie trop brève d'Edwin Mullhouse*, Albin Michel; new ed. Paris: Éditions du Seuil, coll. "Points", 1989; new ed., Le Livre de Poche, L.G.F., 2002.

Prix Médicis Étranger, 1975.

### 1973

MARCUSE, Herbert: *Contre-révolution et révolte*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil.

RHINEHART, Luke: *L'Homme-Dé*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil; new ed., L'Olivier, 1995, 1997 et 2014.

### 1972

BOORMANN, Scott A.: *Gô et Mao*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil.

FARB, Peter: *Les Indiens*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil.

HOFFMAN, Banesh: *Einstein créateur et rebelle*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil; new ed. coll. "Points", 1975.

FRASER, Ronald: *La Planque*. Paris: Éditions du Seuil.

1969 ROBINSON, James: "Culture et civilisation", *Encyclopedia Universalis*.

1965 MANDELA, Nelson: *Apartheid*. Paris: Editions de Minuit. New edition 1985, with a foreword by Breyten Breytenbach.

1982-2014 – Several translations of academic articles from Italian into French and French into English.

**MAJOR TRANSLATOR AWARD: *Grand prix Halperine-Kamisky (Société des Gens de Lettres) de traduction littéraire*" 1977.**

*TRANSLATION RESEARCH GRANT (CNL) 1992:* To contribute to an Anthology of European Enlightenment Poetry.

## ARTIST CATALOGUES AND ART CRITICISM

Catalog texts for painters Anne Vignal and Hubert Pinaud and for sculptor Esther Millán (1994-1997) Barcelona.

## RADIO, TV AND OTHER INTERVIEWS

2017- November 10.

At ENS, rue d'Ulm, a 2 ½ hours video interview about my role as a major translator from Spanish into French (1968-2017) with Gustavo Guerrero, Laurence Breysse, Stéphanie Decante et Gersende Camenen.

2017- April “A Conversation with Prof. Didier Coste,” *JNU News*, New Delhi.

2015 - November on CKCUFM Radio, Ottawa, with Hans-Georg Ruprecht. Podcast

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<http://cod.ckcufm.com/programs/414/24741.html>

CKCU/Literary News> AUDIO FIL (player)> <http://bit.ly/1HhaUug>

1980s and 1990s Spanish regional and cultural radios (Valencia, Teruel, Zaragoza), Canberra CT cultural radio...

1960s France Culture, with Roger Vrigny & others. ORTF TV, with Françoise Dumayet.

## WEB PRESENCE

Performance on academia.edu (November 2022)

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[Facebook academic research group \(creator and administrator\)](#)

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/274224296255175/?multi\\_permalinks=577432442601024&notif\\_id=1516797000237088&notif\\_t=feedback\\_reaction\\_generic&ref=notif](https://www.facebook.com/groups/274224296255175/?multi_permalinks=577432442601024&notif_id=1516797000237088&notif_t=feedback_reaction_generic&ref=notif)

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